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IN RE APPLICATION OF: SINGH *ET AL.*

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**B. Cited Information**

☒ A copy of cited reference 1 which is an issued patent and or published application is not included (see 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(ii)).

☒ A copy of cited reference 2 is enclosed.

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Respectfully submitted,  
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